



INDIAN OFFICE

At Prince Rupert, B.C.

May 4th, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of the 16th ultimo relative to the survey of the three small Indian reserves in connection with the application to purchase or lease Zayas Island. In a conversation the other day with Mr. Rice who surveyed the island for Mr. George Kerr of Prince Rupert, I gathered that the applicant is not prepared to go to the expense of having the reserves eliminated and has taken the matter up further with the Surveyor General at Victoria. All trouble and extra expense would have been avoided had this been done at the time the first survey was made in December last. The presence of the three reserves on the island has never been pleasing to Mr. Kerr who now considers that the expense of having them surveyed should be borne by the Indian Department and not by him and there may be some truth in this statement. Mr. Kerr states that he has an option on a number of sheep which he intends placing on the island and as the option expires on the 15th of this month he is very much concerned.

As soon as the matter has been decided I shall visit the island when the reserves are surveyed.

Your obedient servant

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